

# House File 2542 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2135)

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to distinguished service medal special
- 2 registration plates.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 35A.11, subsection 2, Code 2022, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0i.* Distinguished service medal special  
4 plates issued pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 20D.

5 Sec. 2. Section 321.34, Code 2022, is amended by adding the  
6 following new subsection:

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 20D. *Distinguished service medal plates.*

8 *a.* An owner referred to in subsection 12 who was  
9 awarded a distinguished service medal by the United States  
10 government may, upon written application to the department  
11 and presentation of satisfactory proof of the award, order  
12 special registration plates with a distinguished service  
13 medal processed emblem. The emblem shall be designed by the  
14 department in consultation with the adjutant general. The  
15 special plate fees collected by the director under subsection  
16 12, paragraph "a", from the annual validation of letter-number  
17 designated distinguished service medal plates, and subsection  
18 12, paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual validation of  
19 personalized distinguished service medal plates shall be paid  
20 monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in the road  
21 use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer monthly  
22 from the statutory allocations fund created under section  
23 321.145, subsection 2, to the veterans license fee fund created  
24 in section 35A.11 the amount of the special fees collected  
25 under subsection 12, paragraph "a", in the previous month for  
26 distinguished service medal plates.

27 *b.* Notwithstanding subsection 12, paragraph "a", an owner  
28 who is approved for special registration plates under this  
29 subsection shall be issued one set of special registration  
30 plates with a distinguished service medal processed emblem at  
31 no charge.

32 *c.* The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special  
33 plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply for  
34 and use the special plates subject to registration of the  
35 special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon payment

1 of the annual five-dollar special plate fee and the regular  
2 annual registration fee for the vehicle. If the surviving  
3 spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the special  
4 plates to the department and the department shall issue regular  
5 registration plates to the surviving spouse.

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 This bill authorizes the department of transportation (DOT)  
10 to issue special registration plates bearing a distinguished  
11 service medal processed emblem designed by the DOT in  
12 consultation with the adjutant general.

13 A person who was awarded a distinguished service medal by the  
14 United States government may make a written application to the  
15 DOT and present satisfactory proof of the award to order the  
16 plates.

17 Under current law, the fee for the issuance of special  
18 registration plates with a processed emblem is \$25 which is  
19 in addition to the regular annual registration fee. The bill  
20 provides that a person who is approved for the distinguished  
21 service medal special registration plates must be issued one  
22 set of plates at no charge.

23 The bill requires the fees collected by the DOT for the  
24 distinguished service medal plates to be paid monthly to the  
25 treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax fund.  
26 The treasurer of state must credit monthly from the statutory  
27 allocations fund to the veterans license fee fund the amount of  
28 special fees for distinguished service medal plates collected  
29 in the previous month.

30 The bill authorizes the surviving spouse of a person who was  
31 issued distinguished service medal special plates to continue  
32 to use or apply for and use the special plates subject to  
33 registration of the special plates in the surviving spouse's  
34 name and upon payment of the annual \$5 special plate fee and  
35 the regular annual registration fee for the vehicle. However,

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1 if the surviving spouse remarries, the surviving spouse must  
2 return the special plates to the DOT and the DOT must issue  
3 regular registration plates to the surviving spouse.